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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 164.

Minutes ~~Part B~~ for November 90

SUBJECT.

Purchase of Carbines for the Police Force.

Indented memorial

W D 1250—G P B—30,000 28-1-19

No 2396/483 Office of the Inspector Genl of Police in Mysore

Dated Bangalore 9th February 1889

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To, Pol 55

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore

Sir

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the very Serious disadvantage under which the Police Department is now labouring in the matter of Arms supplied to it. The weapons now in use are (1) Old Burr muskets, larger Size (2) Burr muskets, smaller Size and (3) rifle Carbines. The first of these is exceedingly cumbrous, heavy and almost useless. The men find it hard to carry. It is not sighted with sufficient accuracy and must be condemned. The second is less cumbrous and for practical purposes may suffice for the Police Service but only a small number of this kind has been supplied and no more is available. It is therefore impossible

impossible to replace the heavy musket with the lighter one [illegible] nor do I think it desirable to take the lighter Barr Musket as a pattern if it is decided to replace the heavier Musket. A third description of fire Arms in use with the Mysore Police is the rifle Carbine with Sword bayonet attached. This is really a good weapon and it would have been very Satisfactory had this been the only weapon in use.

2. The circumstance of these three Kinds of Arms being in use has often occasioned considerable confusion in the Supply of Ammunition. I may so state that it necessitates three sorts of moulds and powder measures being used in making up the Ammunition. I have not infrequently come across the Stations with one sort of fire Arms with a different description of Ammunition unsuitable to it. Such mistakes which may, in Consequence, turn out to be very serious on occasions of emergency can only be avoided if the present variety of Arms is abolished.

3. With a view to effect this very desirable end I have been in Correspondence with Messrs Dolan & Co London, who have forwarded

forwarded to me two Sample Carbines with Sword bayonets. These appear to be excellent Arms and if our men are trained to use them, as I am trying to train them, they will add greatly to the efficiency of the Police Force. I forward one of these for the inspection of the Dewan. It is my wish to replace the Burr Muskets of both sizes with these new rifles so as to have in future only two Sorts of rifle Carbines, the old pattern at present in use and the new one to be supplied. This measure will greatly Simplify the arrangement for the manufacture and Supply of Ammunition and will prevent the Confusion that now occurs. —

4. The price of each of these Carbines (with bayonet) will, I believe, be about 40 Shillings and may Amount, with other charges, to Rupees 40. I calculate the requirements of the Police Service to be 250 rifles at the rate of about 30 rifles to each District. The total Cost of Supplying these rifles will therefore Amount to Rupees 10,000. Out of the Budget provision (Rs: 30,000) for equipment and clothing I hope to be able to meet half of this Sum of Rs: 10,000 and I beg that Government may be pleased to sanction as a Special Case Rupees 5000 for the purpose

purpose. If the old Muskets are to be replaced at all, we must do so at once; for a partial substitution may have the effect of introducing a fourth description of fire arms and will only add to the existing confusion - This charge is of an extraordinary kind and will not recur. —

5. This subject has engaged my attention for some time past and I am convinced of the absolute necessity of mending the existing defective state of things - I beg in these circumstances that the Government will be pleased to accord its sanction to my proposal. —

6. I beg to add that it may be necessary to obtain the permission of the Resident to import the rifles - As this is required in the interests of the Police Service, I would suggest the British Resident being moved with a view to the exemption of the Arms from duty. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Inspector General of Police
in Mysore

Enclosure 9/2

Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Genl No 9573
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Dated Bangalore 29th March 1889.

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To,

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that, as suggested in a D. O. of yours, I applied to the Madras Arsenal to ascertain whether any of their rejected Arms were available for sale for the Mysore Police and the Ordnance officer has replied that he has none. It is not improbable that I may meet with similar failure from the Arsenals of the Bombay and Bengal Presidencies to whom I am applying today..

2. The necessity of supplying the Police in Mysore with effective weapons is a matter of much importance and I would therefore beg to suggest that the British Resident may once more be addressed in the matter with a view to his being good enough to move the Government of India to forego the duty payable on the 250 rifles which

which will suffice to Arm the Mysore Police.

3. If, however, the Government of India should decline to remit the import duty, which is very heavy and in fact more than the cost price of each weapon, I beg to say that the necessity for arming the Mysore Police with better weapons is not rendered the less imperative and is independant of the question of Cost. Each rifle with bayonet may cost about Rupees 80 and the number required being 250 the total Cost would amount to Rupees 20,000. Considering that this charge is not recurring and that the present Supply may last for some years, I think the expenditure is well worth incurring. I beg you will place this matter before the Dewan for orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

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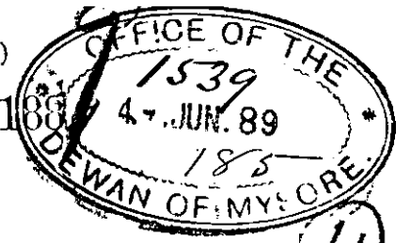

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From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary,
to the Government
of Mysore.

Dated
Despatched 4 June 89.
Received

Enclosures No. 3

General No. 388 | 188 —8
No. 70

In continuation of this office No 2763/572 dated 29th March 89, I have the honor to report that muzzle loading Cavalry rifle Carbines are not obtainable from either of the Arsenals of Bombay and Bengal Presidencies as per copies of the marginally noted correspondence forwarded herewith. I would therefore request the favor of your obtaining the early sanction of the Government to my proposal contained in the

Reference 4/6

Submitted 13/6/89

No 49 dt 3rd April '89 from the Commissary of Ordnance, Bombay.
No 985-B/ 9th April 89 from the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Bengal.
No 9530C/15th May 89 from the Director-General of Ordnance.

the above Viz: the purchase of 250 Cavalry Carbines of improved pattern with Sword bayonets direct from England.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

For Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

E.M.

Ordnance Department

No. 9530.

From, The Director-General of Ordnance, in India.

To, The Inspector-General of Police, Mysore.

Dated Simla 15th May 1889.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 161/18 dated 30th April 1889, I have the honor to inform you that the Stock of M.L. Cavalry carbines is so low throughout India that none can be spared.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) [illegible] Major-Gen
Director-General of Ordnance
in India

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[signature]

For Inspector-General
of Police.

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Ordnance Department

No. 985 C.

From, The Inspector-General of Ordnance, Bengal Circle.

To, The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

Ordnance office
Calcutta the 9th April 1889.

Sir,

I have the honor to state in reply to your letter No. 2737/413 dated 27th Ultimo, that the Stock of A. L. Cavalry Carbines in this circle is much below the fixed proportion ordered to be maintained. It is suggested that Application be made to the Director General of Ordnance in India, Simla; who might be able to meet your requirements. Sanction of the Government of India would be necessary before any issue could be made.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
(Sd) A. Walker Colonel
Inspector-General of Ordnance

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For Inspector-General of Police

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Memorandum

No 49/VIII

From. Ordnance officer in charge,

To. Inspector-general of Police
in Mysore.

Station - Bombay
Date 3d april 1889.

Mio No 2736/412 . 27. 3. 89.

Has the honor to inform him that there are not any "M. L. Rifled Cavalry Carbines in Stock.

(Sd.) C. G. Oldfield
Lieutt. R. A.
For ordnance officer
in charge.

"Copy"

For Inspector-General
of Police.

No: 1889/264

Office of the Inspector General of Police

Bangalore 24th/25th November 1890.

(Gene no 8035; 1417) (5)

From

Pol 5-85

The Inspector General of Police

in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government

of Mysore.

Sir

In continuation of correspondence ending with this office No: 1539/388/70 dated the 3d June 1889, I have the honour to urge again the utmost importance of properly arming the Police. If it is considered too expensive, or if it is otherwise impracticable to arm the whole Police Force, I believe there can be no objection to arming with light breech loading rifle carbines with bayonets attached, the Bangalore and Shimoga special Reserves, the District Reserves, and a certain proportion, say 10 per cent of the whole Force or in all 430 men. If the Government approve of this suggestion, I beg that permission may be obtained

Pl:
+ Sent to Dr
Dewan Bahadur
Revd ~~Secretary~~
on 1-7-89.

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obtained for the purchase of the arms or —
what suggests itself to me as a preferable —
course, an indent may be sent for the arms
to be obtained through Her Majesty's Secretary
of State for India —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

M Sketts
Inspector General of Police